

## FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

**Large Number of District Bills Acted Upon.**

A New Conference on the Post-Route (Postal Subsidy) Bill—Mr. Edmunds' Resolution Discussed by Mr. Morgan—An Extra District Day in the House—A Good Use Made of the Time.

## SENATE.

The Vice-President appointed as the committee to consider and report as to the rights of the Senate in the matter of the amendments to the post-route bill of last session, in regard to the admission of foreign books free through the mails. Small steamship subsidy, &c., Messrs. Edmunds, Ferry, Hoar, Thurman, and Whyte.

He also appointed Messrs. Anthony, Sargent, and Whyte the conference committee on the part of the Senate to consider the resolution to print an edition of the House report on sale.

The Vice-President also laid before the Senate a communication from the Commissioner of Patents transmitting his annual report, showing receipts and disbursements of the office, number of patents issued, &c. Referred.

He also laid before the Senate the following and referred:

By Mr. Vose:—A bill, making a pension to the widow of the late Rear-Admiral Goldsborough.

U. S. Mitchell:—Authorizing the President to appoint Dr. Thomas Owen a surgeon in the navy of the United States not in the line of promotion.

Mr. Fahey submitted an amendment to the Post-Office bill, to provide for the Postmaster General to adopt a uniform canceling ink, after properly testing the same.

M. Hill presented the petition of his state regarding the right of Congress to tax account of expenditures in the Revolutionary war, the war of 1812, and various Indian wars.

A. P. Parker called up his bill providing for the payment of pensions in Oregon-ended land units, which was dismissed until the expiration of the month, and then laid aside.

Mr. Conkling presented a bill of the Treasury to pay off the Indian civilization fund \$12,333 to J. S. Black, the same amount to McComas and McKeight and to William Lawrence, and \$10,333 to John Marion Shannon for counsel fees in the suits named.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of merchants, shipowners, and others of New York city, favoring the passage of the inter-state commerce bill. Referred.

Also a petition of William H. Young and wife, of Buffalo, N. Y., asking to be reimbursed for expenditures made in the service of the 1st U. S. Cavalry during the late war. Referred.

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The Senate then proceeded to address the Senate at length upon the resolutions, but before concluding his argument yielded to Mr. McCrory, who submitted a motion that the Senate go into executive session. The motion was agreed to, and the Senate, at four o'clock p. m., went into executive session.

During the executive session, the door being constantly open.

Mr. Burnside moved to amend the bill recently reported by him from the joint committee on army representation by withdrawing certain portions of it to refer the same to the committee on military affairs, leaving the balance of the bill to stand as that reported by the committee.

His motion was agreed to, and it was ordered that the bill be printed as it was proposed to amend it.

The Senate then, at 4:45 p. m., adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

Owing to the absence of Speaker Blandell, who was attending the funeral of Dr. Linderman, the House was called to order to-day by Mr. Sayler.

Monday, 30 of February; Thursday, 7th of February, and Tuesday, 11th of February, were set apart for the delivery of the memorial addresses respectively upon the late Moses Quinn, of New York; Schleicher, of Texas, and Hartridge, of Georgia.

A night session was ordered for next Saturday for reports from the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Ells introduced a bill to secure from loss deposits in the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company.

Speaker announced the regular order to be the consideration of the Post-Office appropriation bill.

Mr. Hooker gave notice that as soon as that bill was disposed of he would insist upon a motion for.

The pending question was on the amendment in case of a new appropriation for route roads, and it was agreed to—260, 125; nays, 163, and the bill was then passed.

Mr. Elliott (N. Y.) moved to adjourn Committee of Appropriations.

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Mr. Hewitt then asked unanimous consent that before that time (10:30) and two o'clock, when District bushes were to be removed, the members dispense of the army reorganization bill. It would greatly simplify the work on the appropriation bill.

Mr. Hooker then requested to be allowed to go to the committee, and the vote by tellers resulted 96 to 10.

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